

ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK TOWN HALL II MEETING

July 26, 2007



WELCOME

- Acknowledgements/Introductions
- FWP Planning Team
 - Sue Dalbey, State Parks Planner-Project Lead
 - John Little, Region 7 Parks Manager

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- Peaks to Plains Team Members:
 - Jolene Rieck, Project Team Leader
 - Ann L. Clancy, Ph.D., Facilitator
 - Ann Kooistra-Manning, Cultural Resource Consultant
 - Paul Burley, Environmental Engineer

APPRECIATIVE APPROACH

- **Problem Solving**
 - Identify problem
 - Analyze causes
 - Brainstorm possible solutions
 - Develop plan
- **The Park is a problem to be solved**
- **Appreciative Planning**
 - Appreciate “what gives life”
 - Envision “what might be”
 - Design “what will be”
 - Develop plan
- **The Park is a solution to be embraced**

MEETING PURPOSE

- To solicit public comments and suggestions on the development of a Park Management Plan for Rosebud Battlefield State Park.

MEETING OUTCOMES

- Inform about the current status and activities of the Rosebud Battlefield State Park Management Plan process.
- Present elements of a draft management plan.
- Solicit public suggestions/comments/questions on the first draft of the Park management plan.
- Identify next steps of the planning process.

MEETING AGENDA

- Update on the Current Status of the Management Plan
- Present Elements of the Draft Plan
- Solicit Public Input Individually & in Small Group Discussions
- Next Steps of the Study
- Meeting Evaluation



PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

- Turn off cell phones/vibrate
- Respect each other's perspectives
- No expectation to agree, resolve or reach consensus
- Individual comments are encouraged



ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- **FWP representatives:** provide content information, act as resources, help with meeting logistics, observe
- **Peaks to Plains staff:** facilitate the gathering of information, carry out the design of the meeting, help with meeting logistics, provide documentation of the meeting, observe



HOUSEKEEPING

- No formal breaks during meeting
- Take advantage of refreshments
- Introductions at tables



CURRENT STATUS OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Rosebud Battlefield State Park & Need for a Management Plan
- Potential for NHL designation
- Park Planning Process
 - VAC Membership
 - Timeline



NEED FOR PLAN: FWP = Steward

- Protect the resources: prehistoric, historic, natural
 - Mitigate mineral development impacts
- Provide a place to serve visitors and staff
- Provide ways to educate & interpret :
 - Significance of the site
 - Stories from many cultures
- Need permanent access



Activities in & around the Park

- Diversity of use
 - Current:: Hiking, hunting, site visits, historical research, military training, commercial
 - Requested: camping, fires, special events
- Energy development
- Access
- NHL Nomination



National Historic Landmark

- Recommended to NHL Advisory Committee
- Requested additional public input
- Planning process will provide that input
- Submit input about September
- NPS Advisory Board review
- Final step-recommend to Secretary of Interior



American Battlefield Protection Program Grant

- Montana Preservation Alliance
- Larger battlefield, not just park
- Combine past research
- Ethnographic research: neighbors, ranchers, Northern Cheyenne
- Recommendations for cultural resource preservation



Purpose of Plan



- Consider all the options
 - Public insight & opinion, collect data, evaluate research
- Give Direction - Guidance – Goals
- Most details will come when we implement the plan



Planning Process



- Open and inclusive
- Public input in many ways:
 - Volunteer Advisory Committee
 - Focus Groups, Town Hall Meetings
 - Surveys, Written comments, Web Page Input, E-mails
 - Comments on Draft Documents



Volunteer Advisory Committee

- 14 members with a few alternates
- Represents variety of perspectives through diverse backgrounds, interest, expertise
- Considers public input from many sources
- Discusses options and alternatives
- Forms best recommendations for the park



Variety of Perspectives

- Historian
- Tourism
- County
- Commercial use
- Energy industry
- Ranching
- Neighboring landowners
- Education & interpretation
- Natural resources
- Recreation
- Crow
- Sioux
- Eastern Shoshone
- Northern Cheyenne



VAC Timeline

- Town Hall Meeting I: December 2006
- 5 VAC meetings so far (January-May 2007)
- Town Hall Meeting II: July 26, 2007
- VAC Meetings: August 14, September 12, December 2007
- Town Hall Meeting III: October 11, 2007, Hardin
- Public Review: October – November 2007
- Final Delivery of Plan: January 2008



ROSEBUD PARK: “Wicked” Problem/ Framing a Mystery

- Tame Problem/Puzzle – specific answers exist
- “Wicked Problem” or Mystery :
 - Answers depend on the interaction of many factors, known & unknown
 - You attempt to define ambiguities
 - Things are interconnected & complicated
 - Every implemented solution has unintended consequences



- Multiple Stakeholders – conflicting views or difference perspectives about a situation and how to respond to it
- Examples: tax system, economy, Medicare

- Rosebud is a unique & complex system – there are no templates to apply
- Management Plan: Take a global approach and devise ways to work with multiple stakeholders (collaboration)



ELEMENTS OF DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN



FOCUS GROUP DATA

- Adjacent Landowners & Tourism/History Folks
- Similar results:
 - Reasons for using the park (friends, family)
 - Support historic & educational tours in future
 - Leave natural as much as possible (differed on degree)
 - Concerns about energy development, future development, preserving resources, maintenance, protecting from vandalism/theft



- Offer education & interpretation through printed materials, signs
- Provide restrooms
- Provide staffing and more resource management
- Ensure historic preservation, protect sites
- Rosebud complements LBHB Nat'l Mon.
- Locate visitor services center on Van Vliet's Ridge if feasible



Different Results

- Landowners:
 - Want minimal visitor center & facilities (shed, no enclosure)
 - Limited access, little outside advertising
 - Improved fencing, fire control
- Tourism/History:
 - Want a building on site with eventual bookstore, drinks, etc.
 - Access road on state land
 - Improved highway signage



Public Survey Data

- Majority of respondents were from Montana & Wyoming
- 2-3 people in a party during a visit
- Most common activity (currently): Battlefield Research & Hiking
- Most desired activity: Guided Tour or Interpreter "Very Important" to maintain a pristine experience Energy development is the greatest concern



SOLICITING PUBLIC INPUT

- Create self-managed groups at each table.
- Record all group responses on flipcharts.
- No consensus required in the group.
- Individual/diverse responses encouraged.
- As groups, discuss and respond to 2 questions.
- All information recorded on flipcharts will be transcribed and put into a report format that will be available to all participants.



GROUP ROLES

- **Facilitator:** make sure everyone in the group has a chance to participate; watch the time.
- **Recorder:** write down the group's responses on the flipchart; write large and don't worry about spelling. Record individual responses.



INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

- Handout with draft vision statement & 7 topics, each with proposed, draft goals:
 - Park Promotion & Visitation
 - Recreation Management
 - Interpretation & Education
 - Cultural & Historic Resources
 - Natural Resource Management
 - Visitor Services & Facilities
 - Financial & Human Resources



- **FEEDBACK COMMENTS**

___ Yes, I support the Recreation Management Topic and Goals as written.

___ No, I do not support this topic and goals. If no, why?

What suggestions do you have?



ACTIVITIES

1. **Individual assignment (30 minutes):**

- Review the draft vision statement and record your responses on the handout
- Review the 7 topics & goals and record your responses on the handout

2. **Group assignment:** *Discuss 2 questions and record responses on flipcharts.*

- What are you most pleased about so far in the draft plan?
- Anything missing in the draft plan?



NEXT STEPS

- Minutes of Town Hall Meeting II posted on website
- 3 more VAC meetings
- Written feedback: comment cards, website
- Final Town Hall meeting III - October 11, 2007 in Hardin
- Draft Plan Review & Comment



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